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SUBJECT: JULY 7 ROUNDUP: PRESS ITEMS OF ARMS CONTROL
INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

1. DAVID WILLIS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR AND AN
ASSOCIATED PRESS STORY PUBLISHED IN THE WASHINGTON STAR
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REPORT THAT ANDREI GROMYKO, IN AN ADDRESS TO THE SOVIET
PARLIAMENT, SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN CONSCIEN-
TIOUS IN COMPLYING WITH ALL ITS INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS
AND WILL CONTINUE TO OBEY ALL TREATIES IT SIGNS, INCLUDING
A SALT TWO AGREEMENT. GROMYKO NOTED THAT THE STANDING CON-
SULTATIVE COMMISSION "HAS NOT ESTABLISHED A SINGLE BREACH"
OF THE FIRST SALT ACCORD. IN ATTEMPTING TO REASSURE WES-

TERN CRITICS OF A NEW SALT AGREEMENT GROMYKO STRESSED THAT DURING THE FORD ADMINISTRATION, KISSINGER TOLD CONGRESS THAT NO SIGNIFICANT VIOLATIONS HAD OCCURRED. IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION SENT A REPORT TO CONGRESS CITING THE SAME CONCLUSIONS.

2. BILL HURLEY OF MILWAUKEE SENTINEL, JOHN MOORHEAD OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR AND TASS PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS OF PAUL WARNKE'S ADDRESS AT A WINGSPREAD CONFERENCE IN RACINE,

WISCONSIN, AT WHICH WARNKE STATED THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON U.S. IN SALT TWO ARE OFFSET BY THOSE PLACED ON THE SOVIET UNION. WARNKE CONTINUED BY STATING THAT A NEW SALT AGREEMENT WILL ENHANCE OUR OWN SECURITY. AN AGREEMENT COULD BE COMPLETED BY JULY, BUT WOULD NOT COME BEFORE THE SENATE UNTIL 1979. THE TASS ACCOUNT STRESSED NOT ONLY THE QUANTITATIVE ASPECTS OF SALT TWO, BUT ALSO THE INCLUSION IN SALT TWO OF THE QUALITATIVE ASPECT OF RESTRAINING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE.

3. A NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL HIGHLIGHTED THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE U.N. SPECIAL SESSION OF DISARMAMENT, EVEN THOUGH THE END PRODUCT IS "A SET OF GUIDELINES FOR MORE TALK AND STUDY" ABOUT DISARMAMENT. THE TIMES NOTED THAT NON-NUCLEAR STATES RECOGNIZED THAT RESTRAINTS ON NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS MAY BE A PREREQUISITE FOR RESTRAINTS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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NUCLEAR ARMS, AND ALSO THAT NUCLEAR STATES CONCEDED THAT MONEY SPENT ON ARMS CONTRIBUTES TO DEPRIVING DEVELOPING NATIONS OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS. TEXT ALSO STRESSED THE SSOD ACCOMPLISHMENT OF RESTRUCTURING THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT, ENLARGING ITS MEMBERSHIP AND ITS CHAIR WILL BE ROTATED MONTHLY AMONG THE MEMBERS. FRANCE HAS NOW AGREED TO PARTICIPATE. THE EDITORIAL ALSO BROUGHT OUT THAT THE DISARMAMENT STEPS MADE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION, ALTHOUGH SMALL STEPS, WERE PROGRESS, NEVERTHELESS.

4. NEW YORK TIMES PUBLISHED AN ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT THAT SAID TAIWAN HAD REJECTED AN OFFER TO PURCHASE KFIR FIGHTER PLANES FROM ISRAEL. THE TEXT STATED THE U.S. OFFICIALS WERE NOT SURPRISED AT THE REJECTION. SWITCHING TO AN ISRAELI-MANUFACTURED PLANE WOULD REQUIRE TAIWAN TO ADJUST TO A NEW SERIES OF SPECIFICATIONS AND SPARE PARTS. ACCORDING TO THE STORY, THE ADMINISTRATION IS CONSIDERING A LESSER PACKAGE OF F-5E FIGHTERS. VANCE

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